(a) whether the Government have received the report of the Raunak Singh Committee on feasibility of setting up a free port in India;

(b) if so, the main recommendation thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Detailed recommendations of the Committee are available in its Report, copies of which have been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d). As the Committee's Report requires indepth examination in cultivation with the concerned Ministries/Deptts., it wold not, at this juncture, be possible to decide upon either the acceptance of its recommendation or their implementation.

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Payment of C. C. S.

6858. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRI CHHOTEY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cheques for CCS refunds are pending in the office of Jt, CCI&E, Bombay;

(b) if so, the number and value thereof and the reasons for their pendency;

(c) the amount released to Jt. CCI&E and the amount paid to exporters so far; and

(d) the steps propose to be taken by the Government to ensure speedy disposal of all the pending claims?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). 17779 cheques which were pending as on 22.1.92 amounting to Rs. 167.80 crores have been issued.

(c) and (d). Out of the total amount of Rs. 433.5 crores released to J. C. Bombay during 1991-92, the entire amount has been paid against pending CCS claims. Payment of further claims, if any, will be made out of the budget allocation for the year 1992-93.

Visakhapatnam Airport

6859. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:
DR. VISHWANATHAM KANITHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for expansion and upgradation of terminal and other infrastructural facilities at the Visakhapatnam airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked during 1992-93 for this purpose;

(c) whether there is any proposal to change the name of the airport also; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the new name proposed for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATU-